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THOMAS KLEIN ET AL	) GROUP NO.: 1743
SERIAL NO.: 09/939,131	)
FILED: AUGUST 24, 2001	) EXAMINER: S. P. SIEFKE
TITLE: POLY ASPARTIC ACID	)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sirs:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004. Please amend the application as follows. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted simultaneously herewith.

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